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SUBJECT SRV PRIME MINISTER'S COMMENT ON MIA'S

REF: BANGKOK 8032

1. THERE IS NO OFFICIAL TRANSCRIPT OF PHAM VAN DONG'S PRESS CONFERENCE. SRI LANKA BROADCASTING COMPANY (SLBC) TAPED CONFERENCE,BUT WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO GET DIRECT ACCESS TO TAPE. SLBC PROVIDED USIS WITH TRANSCRIPT OF PHAM'S ANSWERS,BUT WITHOUT THE QUESTIONS ASKED,AND TRANSCRIPT MAY BE INCOMPLETE.

2. FOLLOWING IS SOLE REFERENCE TO U.S. MIA'S IN SLBC TRANSCRIPT OF PHAM'S ANSWERS. PLEASE NOTE THAT AWKWARD ENGLISH IS RESULT OF VIETNAMESE INTERPRETER'S RENDITION OF PHAM'S VIETNAMESE INTO ENGLISH.

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3. QUOTE.NOW THIS IS THE SITUATION OF THE RELATIONS BETWEEN VIETNAM AND U.S. THE TWO PARTIES HAVE TO SOLVE TOGETHER THREE MAIN QUESTIONS. FIRST THE NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES. SECOND THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE U.S. TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE HEALING OF THE WOUNDS OF WAR AND TO POST WAR RECONSTRUCTION OF

THE WAR DEVASTED ECONOMY WHICH IS AN OBLIGATION ON THE
PART OF THE U.S.GOVERNMENT. BECAUSE OF THE U.S.
WAR OF AN AGGRESSION IN VIETNAM HAS CAUSED TREMENDOUS
MATERIAL LOSSES TO OUR COUNTRY. AND THE THIRD
QUESTION IS THE MISSING IN ACTION,MISSING IN ACTION
OF THE U.S. AND THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF THE U.S.
DEAD IN VIETNAM. FOR THIS THERE IS NO DIFFICULTY AT
ALL. THE LIVING AMERICANS WE HAVE RETURNED TO AMERICA.
AS TO THE REMAINS OF THE DEAD THERE IS NO REASON
THAT WE KEEP THEM.BUT THIS IS THE SOLUTION OF PACKAGE
DEAL.UNQUOTE.

4. TEXT OF SLBC TRANSCRIPT OF PRESS CONFERENCE BEING
POUCHED TO NEA/INS MALOTT AND TO POL EMBASSY BANGKOK.
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